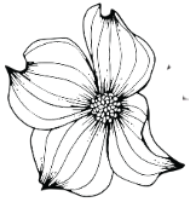


Fill out this form, print it, and mail with check (if necessary) to the address below.



Garden Club of Montclair
c/o Cheryl Slutzky
60 S. Fullerton Ave., #303
Montclair, NJ 07042

GARDEN CLUB OF MONTCLAIR

Membership Renewal Notice

2025-2026

Your Name _____

NOTE: If you are a provisional who joined the Club AFTER November 1, 2024, you do **NOT need to pay dues for 2025-2026**. However, please fill out your personal information and committee choices on this form and send to the above address.

STEP 1 of 3: Select membership level and pay dues. Feel free to add a donation!

Please check membership level for 2025-2026

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Active or Provisional — \$100

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Provisional who joined AFTER Nov. 1, 2024 — \$0

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Associate — \$125

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Non-Resident (greater than 25 miles from Montclair) — \$50

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Emeritus — \$0

Make your check payable to
“The Garden Club of Montclair.”

STEP 2 of 3: Make your choice of committee.

Active members are required to choose at least two committees. Feel free to choose more. This year, at the request of the committee chairs, we are asking Members to sign up **ONLY** for the committees to which they feel they can **ACTIVELY** contribute. Read the two pages of committee requirements at the end of this letter to see what each committee chair has singled out as the most important contributions you can make this year.

Associate members are more than welcome to sign up for a committee enhancing the Club experience.

1 st Choice:	_____
	Committee Name
2nd Choice:	_____
	Committee Name
3rd Choice:	_____
	Committee Name
4th Choice:	_____
	Committee Name

STEP 3 of 3: Add your information as you would like it to appear in the Directory. *(Leave blank if there is no change from last year.)*

Name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

Email: _____

Landline: _____

Mobile: _____

Spouse (optional): _____

Mail completed form (without the Committee Reference Guide page) with payment by March 31 to:

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Note that our insurance MUST be paid by April 1, so your prompt attention is appreciated.

Committee Reference Guide 2025-2026

*This year, our committee descriptions are a little different. The Board decided at our February meeting that we would ask members to sign up **ONLY** for the committees to which they feel they can **ACTIVELY** contribute. The list below is not a general description of our committees, but a request for volunteers. [See the website](#) for a general description of all our committees.*

1. **Avis Campbell Gardens and Grounds:** Maintain the perennial gardens and shrub plantings, April through early November. Committee members meet as a group every Tuesday morning, with other days and special events scheduled as needed. Committee members will fill one of these three roles: 1. Bed Captain, 2. Bed Partner, 3. Garden Floater.
2. **Botanical Arts:** Committee members will work with the Chair(s) to help create the schedules at the beginning of the year and help set up the monthly exhibitions.
3. **Civic/Environment:** Several new joint projects with the township are currently in planning stages. Physically able committee members will assist with the planting and initial maintenance of these projects. Environmentally committed members will search out examples of sustainable practices both within our town and globally, and work with the committee to highlight these on the Club's social media and website platforms. Be prepared to interface with other committees of our club to learn, educate, and share ideas.
4. **Communications & Publicity:** We are looking for Members who can contribute short accounts and photographs of Club activities for inclusion on the website. Share personal experience of new media to ensure the Club makes the best use of fast-changing technology. We are actively recruiting a publicity person to manage social media and external announcements.
5. **Facilities:** Assist Chair in the maintenance of the Club's physical plant. Ensure spaces (Club Room and Auditorium or outdoor space) are set up as needed. Interface with building management, i.e., communicate GC needs for use of space, garbage disposal, cleanliness of space.
6. **Flower Design:** Attend committee meetings to help decide yearly theme, schedule, workshops etc. Assist Design Chair at monthly design competitions and workshops as well as assisting with other responsibilities associated with Flower Design.
7. **Garden Boutique:** Assist Chair in maintaining the Club's boutique store. Help set up off-site Boutique events and coordinate outside vendor sales twice a year, and perform other duties as needed.
8. **Garden Therapy:** Garden Therapy is an opportunity to "give back" to the community with visits to nursing homes, senior centers, specialized schools, and refuges. Garden Club members work with the institutions to design programs that will interest participants and members alike, ranging from hands on workshops covering floral design, aromatherapy, botanical collage art and raised garden bed planting of annuals and herbs. Committee members will participate in purchasing materials, mentoring participants at events, helping to set up and break down the workshops and arranging car pools if needed.

9. **Horticulture:** Attend committee meetings to help develop the horticulture schedule, choose the Horticulture "Project of the Year" and workshop. Assist Chair with set up and breakdown at monthly competitions, workshops and share your knowledge of exhibiting with new members.
10. **Hospitality:** One of our three goals is "Fellowship," and the Hospitality Committee ensures that it is never far from any Club event. Members of this committee help organize lunches and teas, and provide all kinds of comforting fare for members and for judges at our competitions. Committee members should also help with set up and breakdown of these events.
11. **Membership:** Volunteers on this committee are the welcoming faces for Provisionals. Their job is to mentor and make sure new members feel comfortable during their first year. As ambassadors for the Club, they publicize and recruit new members. They will also meet and greet members and visitors at program meetings and other events, and are expected to attend at least one program meeting where they will hand out and collect name tags.
12. **Programs: Yearly:** Assist Chair(s) in suggesting and selecting interesting speakers for the monthly program meetings. **Monthly:** Solicit raffle items from speakers and/or purchase items for raffles. Confirm speakers 2 weeks prior to program meeting, confirm their needs for presentation. Check in members/guests at program meetings and sell raffle tickets. Send written thank you notes to speakers after each program. Learn how to set up audio and video equipment and assist Chair(s) with set up and break down at monthly programs. Be available to attend to guest speaker's needs.
13. **Properties:** Make sure our exhibitions and shows have the right equipment to make everything run smoothly. Committee members will set up and breakdown for competitions.
14. **Triangle Mall Gardens:** Plant and maintain the raised beds in the downtown Montclair Church Street area. The schedule of work days will be created by the committee. Spring: Prune shrubs and perennials, pull spent tulip bulbs and plant annuals. Summer: Weed and water as needed. Late Fall: pull annuals and plant tulips. The fall and spring workdays (8:30 am - 12:30 pm) are scheduled on Mondays in late October and May.
15. **Ways & Means:** Plan and implement fundraising activities that are needed for specific projects. Members have the opportunity to lead specific projects.
16. **Workshops:** Attend planning meeting over the summer to assist Chair(s) in selecting and organizing monthly workshops and recruiting instructors. Help Chair(s) with set up/break down/clean-up of meeting room. **Crane House Decorating Sub-Committee:** Assist with pick-up and delivery of greens; assist with set up/clean-up for wreath and swag making; provide refreshments on decorating day; assist with clean up on decorating day.
17. **Youth:** Help plan and lead activities that introduce children to basic principles of gardening, floral design, floral arts, ecology, and conservation.